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TO AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE

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CHMUSLO RABAT

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: MILI MO

SUBJECT:MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR MOROCCO

REF: RABAT 5034 (PASET)

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. DOD PREPARING MILITARY TEAM IN RESPONSE TO KING'S
REQUEST (REFTEL) WITH TENTATIVE TARGET DATE FOR ARRIVAL
RABAT MID-DECEMBER.

2. COMPOSITION TEAM WILL BE ESSENTIALLY ALONG LINES
PROPOSED REFTTEL, HEADED BY GENERAL OFFICER, AND CONSIST
ABOUT 6-8 PERSONNEL AND PLAN TO BE IN COUNTRY ABOUT ONE
WEEK. TEAM WILL BE PREPARED ESSENTIALLY TO LISTEN TO GOM
VIEWS OF NEEDS AND OFFER PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL ADVICE
ON EFFICACY SYSTEMS AND CONCEPTS PROPOSED. TEAM WILL
ALSO ASSURE MOROCCAN COUNTERPARTS, HOWEVER, OF ITS
INTENTION TO CONVEY LATTER'S VIEWS FULLY TO WASHINGTON

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FOR FOLLOW-UP ASSESSMENT AND SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE

APPROPRIATE. TEAM WILL NOT BE ABLE PROJECT POSSIBLE USG FUNDING ASSISTANCE BEYOND CURRENT ANNUAL TARGET LEVEL OF DOLS 12-15 MILLION. TEAM WILL BE PREPARED TO DESCRIBE MECHANICS OF VARIOUS MIXES OF PRIVATE CREDIT, GUARANTEED PRIVATE CREDIT AND FMS DIRECT CREDIT BUT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROJECT FUTURE AVAILABILITIES BECAUSE OF TOO MANY VARIABLES AT THIS POINT, E.G., CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, COMPETING WORLD-WIDE PRIORITIES, CONGRESSIONAL REGIONAL

CEILINGS AND ATTITUDES OF PRIVATE BANKS. THESE POSSIBLY WILL BE EXPLORED, HOWEVER, UPON TEAM'S RETURN. TEAMS TERMS OF REFERENCE WILL BE LIMITED TO FOREGOING AND WILL NOT INCLUDE INDEPENDENT SURVEY OR EVALUATION OF MOROCCAN NEEDS IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC EXTERNAL THREAT.

3. EMBASSY MAY WISH DRAW UPON ABOVE IN DISCUSSING PROPOSED MID-DECEMBER TARGET DATE FOR TEAM'S ARRIVAL RABAT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EARLIEST REPORT ON GOM RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL.

4. USCINCEUR WILL BE INVITED SEND REP WITH TEAM. KISSINGER

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